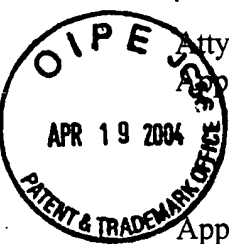


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Dear Sir,

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Responsive to the Office Action mailed March 22, 2004 (Restriction only), Applicants elect Group I, claims 1 - 10, for prosecution in this application.

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Preliminarily kindly amend the application as follows.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the **Listing of Claims** which begins on page 7 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 14 of this paper and include attached replacement sheets.

Remarks begin on page 15 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 16 of this paper.